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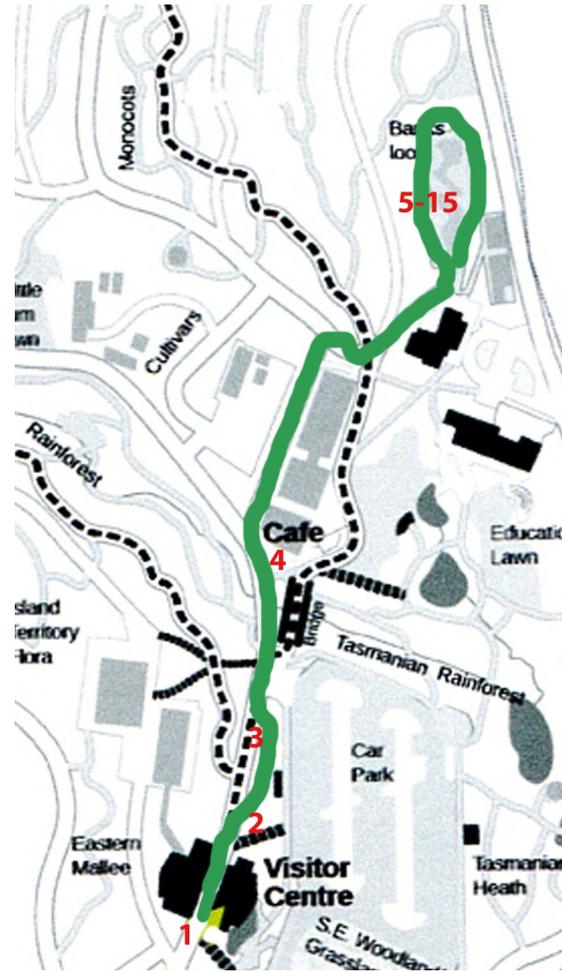
13. Higher on your right is *Banksia occidentalis*, or Red Swamp Banksia, a tall shrub or small tree with whorled, linear green leaves and lime-green buds developing into golden flowers with prominent red styles (photo above right). This plant is native to the south coast of Western Australia.

14. Further on your right is *Banksia lanata*, a small spreading shrub with linear green leaves, pinkish white flower buds and large pale cream flowers with brown to purple pistils (photo below left). This plant is native to the lower west coast of Western Australia.



15. Low on your left is *Banksia marginata* 'Bright', a compact form of the Silver Banksia, *Banksia marginata* (photo above right). This plant forms a dense shrub of dark green needle foliage with many large lemon spikes.

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Today we will walk behind the café on the Main Path across to the Banksia Garden



1. As you approach the Visitor Centre from the carpark look to your left to see, in a pot, *Rhododendron (viriosum) lochiae* with magnificent coral bells on shiny dark green leaves (photo above). This is one of the few representatives of the genus *Rhododendron* in Australia and is native to the high mountains of tropical northern Queensland

2. Past the Visitor Centre, on your right, is *Spyridium burragorang*, a long-flowering shrub with unusual white bracts surrounding a central cluster of flowers (photo next page top left). This plant is native to the Lake Burragorang district in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales and is considered rare in the wild.



3. Bear right through the garden on your right to see on both right and left ***Corymbia ficifolia*** 'Precious Pearl' with masses of pink buds opening to pale pink fluffy flowers mobbed by bees (photo above right). This small and compact cultivar is a grafted form of the southern West Australian flowering gum, *Corymbia ficifolia*.



4. Bear left up the hill behind the café to see on your right ***Crinum pedunculatum***, or Swamp Lily, with long green strappy leaves and striking terminal clusters of white perfumed flowers (photo above). This plant is native to tidal flats of coastal Queensland and New South Wales.



5. Turn right on the Main Path behind the café, then right again and finally left towards the Banksia Garden to see on your right, in a pot, ***Banksia victoriae*** or Woolly Orange Banksia, with attractive grey-green toothed foliage and very large orange cones (photo above). This plant is native to the area between Geraldton and Perth in Western Australia.

6. On your left is ***Banksia burdettii***, or Burdett's Banksia, a tall shrub with grey-green oblong leaves, showy white buds turning to bright orange flowers as they open (photo below right). This plant is native to the area near Perth, Western Australia.



7. Further on your left is ***Banksia speciosa***, or Showy Banksia, with green triangular leaves and pale yellow flowers (photo below). This tall shrub is native to the area around Esperance, Western Australia.



8. Still on your left is ***Banksia pilostylis***, another tall shrub with linear serrated leaves and pale yellow flowers, native to the area around Esperance, Western Australia (photo below).



9. Again on your left is ***Banksia sceptrum***, or Sceptre Banksia, with oblong green leaves and yellow flowers, including the pistils (photo below). This plant is native to the area near Geraldton, Western Australia.



10. On your right is ***Banksia menziesii***, Firewood Banksia or Menzies Banksia, a small tree or shrub with oblong, toothed, green leaves and deep pink to red flowers (photo below left). This plant is native to the south-western coast of Western Australia, around Perth.



11. On your left is ***Banksia lemmaniana***, a tall shrub with green oblong leaves, brown buds, developing into pendent, greenish-yellow flowers, followed by large fruiting cones (photo below). This plant is native to the south coast of Western Australia, between Ravensthorpe and West Mt. Barren.

